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PCT/US04/24351

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002/0169560 A1 (HYTOPOULOS et al.) 14 November 2002 (14.11.2002), see especially Detailed Description	1, 3, 5, 7
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Y		
Y	US 2002/0178150 A1 (HYTOPOULOS et al.) 28 November 2002 (28.11.2002), see especially Detailed Description.	1-8
Y	US 6,496,834 B1 (CEREGHINI et al.) 17 December 2002 (17.12.2002), see especially Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment.	1-8
Y	YEUNG et al. Model-based clustering and data transformations for gene expression data. Bioinformatics. 2001, Volume 17, Number 10, pages 977-987, see especially Model-Based Cluster Approach.	1-8
Y	MURO et al. Identification of expressed genes linked to malignancy of human colorectal carcinoma by parametric clustering of quantitative expression data. Genome Biology. 2003, Volume 4, R21, pages R21-R21.10, especially Results.	1-8



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Y, P	OUYANG et al. Gaussian mixture clustering and imputation of microarray data. Bioinformatics. 2004, Volume 20, Number 6, pages 917-923, see especially Methods and Data.	1-8

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